DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Miller:

Attached is the redraft of 2001 AB-905 you requested. Please review the changes in proposed ss. 20.926 (3) (b) 14., 20.9265 (2) (a) 2. and 11. and (4) (c) 3. and 4., 560.765 (3) (br), and 560.96 (3) (a) 4. to ensure that they satisfy your intent. Also, please note the following issues:

- 1. This draft does not permit the expansion of the property tax base to be used as the sole public purpose for a business subsidy. I assume that every current subsidy program has some public purpose other than expansion of the property tax base. However, if there are any subsidy program for which that is the sole public purpose, they should be repealed under this draft. Please let me know if you are aware of any such programs.
- 2. I provided the agency granting the subsidy or, in the case of the development and technology zone programs, the Department of Commerce, the ability to grant an exception from the requirements regarding the use of equipment (called "depreciable tangible personal property" under the draft) in this state. This exception seemed necessary in the case of equipment that breaks down, is destroyed in a disaster, etc. I also tried to account for equipment, like a truck, that is potentially meant to travel outside of Wisconsin.

As you review the draft, please let me know if you have any questions or desire any additional changes.

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